

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 and 25-31 remain active in this application, Claims 4-19 and 25-31 having been amended and Claims 21-24 and 32 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 21-24 were objected to under 37 CFR §1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 48 of application serial number 09/982,898; Claims 32 was provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting; and Claims 1-20 and 25-31 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-20 and 25-31. In light of this indication, and to expedite issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 21-24 and 32 in issue have been canceled.

In addition the remaining claims have been amended to correct the numbering assigned to the recited numbered "windows" and numbered "buttons" and so as to assign numbers to the windows and buttons in sequence starting from each respective independent claim. To that end, in accordance with preferred U.S. claim drafting, the numbering of each "window" or "button" is started in the respective independent claim first mentioning a "window" or "button." In other words, the sequential numbering of windows and buttons is re-started in each independent claim beginning with the first recitation of "a first window" and "a first button" in the respective independent claims, with the numbering being incremented in the dependent claims depending from the respective independent claims. Such changes are merely clarifying in nature, and clearly do not add new matter.

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Accordingly, since no further issues remain in this application, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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